

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-4, 6-8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 18-20, 22-24, 26, 27, 29, and 30 have been allowed.

The present amendment corrects errors in Claims 10, 18, and 26. These errors were uncovered in Applicant's post allowance review of the application and are being timely and diligently corrected. No new matter is involved and no new issues are believed to be raised.

In view of the prior indication of allowability, no further issues are outstanding, and entry of the present amendment is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested so that the patent which issues from this application includes the presently submitted changes.

Respectfully submitted,

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